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1. AT JULY 19 WEO GROUP MEETING, CANADIAN REP ANNOUNCED OTTAWA AUTHORIZED WANG (CANADA) TO STAND FOR WEO POST ON BUREAU. PREFERENCE FOR RAPPORTEUR, BUT VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, COULD NOT TAKE ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF SUBCOMITE ON CAUSES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. WANG REPORTED ON JULY 18, INFORMAL CONTRACT GROUP MTG (PARA 6 OF REFTTEL). MEMBERS WERE: CANADA, AUSTRIA (WEO); NIGERIA, ALGERIA (AF); USSR, HUNGARY (EE); VENEZUELA, BARBADOS (LA); INDIA, IRAN (ASIAN). WEO'S MADE STRONG PITCH FOR RAPPORTEURSHIP. AF'S SAID THEY HAD AT LEAST AS GREAT INTEREST IN TERRORISM SUBJECT AND ARGUED FOR GETTING POST. SEN (INDIA) UNDERSTOOD INTEREST OF WEO, BUT SAID RAPPORTEUR MIGHT BE POST OF LIMITED IMPORTANCE, ESP. IF SUBGROUPS CREATED AND WORK WENT ON AT DIFFERENT LEVEL.

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HOVEYDA (IRAN) SAID AF'S AND WEO'S SHOULD

CONSULT TO WORK IT OUT. AT ONE POINT HUNGARIAN REP SAID WEO'S HOLDING UP COMITE WORK, BUT THIS REFUTED BY AUSTRIA. MTG. ENDED AMBIGUOUSLY, WITH FURTHER MTG SCHEDULED FOR 3 PM JULY 19.

3. WEO GROUP CONSIDERED POSTURE FOR 3 PM MTG. WANG (CANADA) THOUGHT LITTLE POINT IN PRESSING FOR RAPPORTEURSHIP AS THIS BEYOND REACH. ALSO THOUGHT IT FUTILE TO INSIST ON VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP BEING LINKED TO ORGANIZATION OF WORK. SUGGESTED AGREEING ON BUREAU AND TRYING TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO CONSIDERATION ORGANIZATION OF WORK.

4. UK URGED THAT CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RAPPORTEURSHIP. HAVING LOST BID FOR CHAIRMANSHIP, HE SAID WE SHOULD AT VERY LEAST INSIST ON SOMETHING IN RETURN -- EITHER RAPPORTEURSHIP OR VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH WOULD CARRY WITH IT CHAIRMANSHIP OF SUB-COMITE ON MEASURES, OR AT VERY LEAST UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE BE TWO SUB-COMITES. TO PREVENT CHARGE OF WEO DELAYING PROGRESS, HE SUGGESTED PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE GENERAL DEBATE.

5. ITALY, US, TURKEY AND GREECE SUPPORTED UK VIEW. SWEDEN AND FRANCE FAVORED ACCEPTING VICE CHAIRMANSHIP "AND NOT SPOILING ATMOSPHERE BY INSISTING ON CONDITIONS." US AND UK ONLY DELS WHO INSISTED THAT WEST NOT CAVE WITHOUT GETTING SOMETHING IN RETURN. UNDER THIS PRESSURE WANG AGREED TO STAY AS FIRM AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED.

6. MISOFF CONTACTED CHAIRMAN BOYD BEFORE 3:00PM CONTACT GROUP AND ELICITED HIS AGREEMENT THAT MOST SENSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION IS TO AGREE AT THIS TIME TO CREATION OF TWO SUB-COMITES. BOYD ALSO AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER DELAYS IN COMMENCEMENT OF GENERAL DEBATE AND THAT GENERAL DEBATE SHOULD BE OF LIMITED DURATION (THREE OR FOUR DAYS). COMMENT: BOYD'S HELPFUL ATTITUDE TO DATE NOTEWORTHY. END COMMENT.

7. WE INFORMED BY WANG (CANADA) ON FOLLOWING RESULTS OF CONTACT GROUP MEETING;
(A) REMAINDER OF BUREAU WILL BE : VICE-CHAIRMAN - HUNGARY,
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INDIA, CANADA, RAPPORTEUR - ZAIRE.
(B) GENERAL DEBATE WILL BE OPENED JULY 20 AFTERNOON.
(C) BUREAU ITSELF SHOULD TAKE OVER CONSULTATIVE FUNCTION IN SEARCH FOR AGREEMENT ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK;
BUREAU WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE PROPOSALS TO PLENARY.

8. WANG EXPRESSED VIEW BUREAU COULD MAKE BETTER PROGRESS ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK THAN CUMBERSOME CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND

EXPRESSED SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT THAT BUREAU HAD RIGHT TO
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AT ANY TIME, THUS LIMITING ABILITY TO
STRING GENERAL DEBATE UNDULY. COMMENT: WE HOPE WANG'S
OPTIMISM WARRANTED.
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